

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A spreader arranged to move one-on a ground for spreading crop residues over the ground behind the spreader, across the width that considerably exceeds the width of the spreader, the spreader comprising:

a spreading nozzle for discharging the crop residues, and

a wind deflector, positioned adjacent to the spreader at a point upstream of the discharge of the spreading nozzle, relative to a direction of movement of the spreader, the wind deflector extending generally laterally away from the spreader, the wind deflector, upon movement of the spreader prevents preventing headwinds and/or lateral winds from affecting the spreading of the crop residues across the spreading width.

2. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 1, connected to the rear end of a combine harvester for spreading the crop residues exiting from a cutter incorporated in the combine harvester, wherein said spreader includes several spreader wings pivotally mounted on said spreader to define the desired spreading width and wherein said wind deflector is connected to said spreader or to the rear end of the combine harvester.

3. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wind deflector projects essentially horizontally laterally, at least in one direction away from the spreader or the combine harvester.

4. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 1, wherein said wind deflector includes at least two sections, connected to the spreader or the combine harvester on both sides thereof and which project laterally therefrom in opposite directions.

5. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 4, wherein said sections are pivotally connected to the associated side of the spreader or the combine harvester and is controlled jointly or individually between an operative position, wherein they project laterally, and a position of rest and transportation, wherein they do not project laterally.

6. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 5, wherein said sections are controllable either to be folded essentially vertically between an essentially horizontal, lower operative position and an essentially vertical upper position of rest and transportation, or are controllable for pivotal movement essentially horizontally between an essentially horizontal operative position and an equally essentially horizontal position of rest and transportation.

7. (Currently Amended) A spreader as claimed in claim 5, wherein in their operative position said sections are supported on the ground by at least one of

~~supports such as wheels[.,] and runners and the like~~ positioned at the outer free section ends.

8. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 4, wherein the sections are designed as essentially rectangular screens, which extend essentially vertically in the operative position and which project obliquely outwards and rearwards laterally from the spreader or the combine harvester.

9. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 8, wherein the sections are interconnected by way of a section, the operative position forms an upper, essentially horizontally extending section so as to form a funnel-like, hood-shaped extension of the spreader.

10. (Currently Amended) A spreader as claimed in claim 5, wherein control of the sections is effected by at least one of manually, manually and pneumatically.

11. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 2, wherein said wind deflector projects essentially horizontally laterally, at least in one direction away from the spreader or the combine harvester.

12. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 2, wherein said wind deflector includes at least two sections, connected to the spreader or the combine harvester on both sides thereof and which project laterally therefrom in opposite directions.

13. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 3, wherein said wind deflector includes at least two sections, connected to the spreader or the combine harvester on both sides thereof and which project laterally therefrom in opposite directions.

14. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 6, wherein in their operative position said sections are supported on the ground by supports such as wheels, runners and the like positioned at the outer free section ends.

15. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sections are designed as essentially rectangular screens, which extend essentially vertically in the operative position and which project obliquely outwards and rearwards laterally from the spreader or the combine harvester.

16. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sections are designed as essentially rectangular screens, which extend essentially vertically in the operative position and which project obliquely outwards and rearwards laterally from the spreader or the combine harvester.

17. (Previously Presented) A spreader as claimed in claim 7, wherein the sections are designed as essentially rectangular screens, which extend essentially vertically in the operative position and which project obliquely outwards and rearwards laterally from the spreader or the combine harvester.

18. (Currently Amended) A spreader as claimed in claim 6, wherein control of the sections is effected by at least one of manuals, manually and pneumatically.

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